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In re application of: Ramesh Varadaraj, et al
 U. S. Serial No.: 10/675,169
 Filed: September 30, 2003
 For: COMPLEX OIL-IN-WATER-IN-OIL (O/W/O)
 EMULSION COMPOSITIONS FOR FUEL CELL
 REFORMER START-UP

) Before the Examiner
) Edward J. Cain
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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450**PETITION FOR UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM FOR PRIORITY**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.78 (a) (3), Applicants respectfully submit this petition to accept an unintentionally delayed claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 in regard to the above-identified patent application.

Under 35 U.S.C. 120 and 37 C.F.R. 1.78, an alleged continuation-in-part application is permitted to claim the filing date of an earlier nonprovisional application if the alleged continuation-in-part applications complies with the following formal requirements: 1) the first application and the alleged continuation-in-part application were filed with at least one

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common inventor; 2) the alleged continuation-in-part application was "filed before the patenting or abandonment of or termination of proceedings on the first application or an application similarly entitled to the benefit of the filing date of the first application;" and 3) the alleged continuation-in-part application "contains or is amended to contain a specific reference to the earlier filed application."

The applicants in their response of December 5, 2005 to an Office Action mailed September 6, 2005 amended the above identified application to claim the benefit of and be designated as a continuation-in-part of currently pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/412,190 to Berlowitz et al. (hereinafter "Berlowitz") pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 120 and 37 CFR 1.78 (a)(1) and (a)(2). The instant application and Berlowitz reference each name Paul J. Berlowitz as an inventor, thereby establishing the first requirement of common inventorship under 35 U.S.C. 120. In terms of the second requirement of 35 U.S.C. 120, the instant invention is copending with a U.S. application entitled to the benefit of the filing date of the Berlowitz reference. More particularly, the Berlowitz reference, currently abandoned, is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/312,728 filed May 14, 1999, also currently abandoned. However, continuation U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/412,190 filed April 11, 2003, currently pending, claims the benefit and is entitled to the priority of both the Berlowitz reference and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/312,728. In terms of the third requirement, the present disclosure has been amended to contain a specific reference to the Berlowitz reference. More particularly, paragraph [0001] of the present disclosure has been amended to be a continuation-in-part application and claim the benefit of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/312,728 filed May 14., 1999, currently abandoned, continuation U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/791,996 filed February 23, 2001, currently abandoned, and continuation U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/412,190 filed April 11, 2003, currently pending. In a Final Office Action mailed on February 23, 2006 in the above identified patent application, the Examiner deemed waived the claim for priority because pursuant to 37 CFR 1.78 (a)(2)(ii), a claim for priority was not made within four months from the filing date of the later filed application or sixteen months from the filing date of the prior filed application.

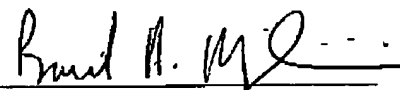
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In response, the Applicants submit this petition to accept an unintentionally delayed claim for priority pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.78 (a) (3) in the above identified patent application. The priority reference to the prior application was submitted to the Examiner in the response filed on December 5, 2005, and the previously filed specification amendment is also attached hereto. In addition, the Applicants attest that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(2) and the date the claim was filed (December 5, 2005) was unintentional. Lastly, the Director is also authorized to deduct a surcharge of \$1370.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (t) from Deposit Account Number 05-1330.

If there should be any questions in connection with this petition, the undersigned may be contacted at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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SPECIFICATION AMENDMENT

The following specification amendment was previously filed on December 5, 2005, but not entered by the Examiner in the above identified patent application.

1. Please replace paragraph [0001] on page 1 of the specification with the following replacement paragraph.

[0001] This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional application 60/435,044 filed December 20, 2002, and is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/312,728 filed May 14, 1999, currently abandoned, continuation U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/791,996 filed February 23, 2001, currently abandoned, and continuation U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/412,190 filed April 11, 2003, currently pending.